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RE: CC Docket 95-155

Dear Mr. Caton:

Pursuant to the FCC's Ex Parte rules, please file this letter and the attached information in the public file associated with CC Docket 95-155. Present at the meeting were Mr. John Morabito and Ms. Mary DeLuca of the Commission staff, Mr. Mike Wade representing Database Service Management, Inc. (DSMI) and the undersigned representing Belcore.

Discussed at the meeting were technical issues related to the SMS/800 system, the attached SNAC 888 Replication Plan and the attached SNAC 888 Timely Reservation Plan.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



Michael J. Knapp

Director - Federal Regulatory Matters

Attachments

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SNAC 888 Timely Reservation Plan (OBF Issue 1155)

1. Introduction

At the OBF meeting on October 26, the SM/800 Number Administration Committee (SNAC) has placed the OBF Issue 1155 (888 Implementation Plan) in Initial Closure.

The SNAC 888 Implementation Plan addresses two proposals:

- Y-Factor Replication of 888 numbers
- 888 Timely Reservation

This document provides important information on the SNAC proposal for 888 Timely Reservation, including key activities, associated requirements and schedules.

The industry 888 timely reservation effort will be implemented pursuant to the FCC's directives in the Memorandum Opinion and Order in CC Docket 95-155, released October 5, 1995.

2. Process, Activities & Schedule Summary

- 1/24/96 - Open SMS/888 for early reservation at 9:00am Central Standard Time.
- 1/24/96 - 2/25/96 - Increase weekly allotment. Resp Orgs reserve and create pending 888 records with an effective date and time of 2/29/96, 11:30p/c.
- 2/26/96 - 2/29/96 - Bellcore will reschedule the 2/29/96 pending records over the 4 day period to control the downloading to the SCPs.
- 3/1/96 - In service date for routing 888 calls.

3. Timely Reservations

The SNAC has agreed that 888 NXX codes should be opened for reservation and record creation on 1/24/96. It has also been agreed that any records created will be given an effective date and time of 2/29/96, 11:30p/c and that these pending records will be rescheduled by Bellcore and down loaded in a controlled manner from 2/26/96 through 2/29/96.

3.1 888 NXX Code Opening

At this time the SNAC proposal includes opening all 888 NXX codes (except those listed below) for reservation and record creation on 1/24/96 at 9:00am CST.

- 0XX
- 1XX
- 250
- 271
- 389
- 415
- 534
- 623
- 703
- 740
- 744
- 751
- 855
- 904
- 907
- 911

In addition, the SNAC has also proposed that the following 2 numbers be made unavailable prior to opening 888 codes.

- 888-555-0199
- 888-555-1212

3.2 Reservation Allotment

A new capability will be developed in SM/800 to systematically control Resp Org allotment for 800 & 888 numbers separately.

3.3 888 Record Creation

The Industry agreed that 888 records created between 1/24/96 and 2/25/96 888 would be made **PENDING** with an effective date & time of **2/29/96, 11:30p/c**. If during this period any 888 records are created with an effective date & time prior to 2/26/96 or equal to "NOW", they **will not** be blocked from going ACTIVE at their effective date and time. However, it is highly unlikely that they will be down loaded to all the SCPs in the Area Of Service. It will be the responsibility of the control Resp Org to identify and copy these records to a new effective date and time after all Networks have an upgraded pair of SCPs.

3.4 888 Record Down Loading

Prior to 2/25/96, not every Network will have a mated pair of SCPs upgraded to accept 888 records. During this time if an 888 record reaches its effective date and time, SMS/800 will proceed to down load the record to those SCPs that are in the Area Of Service providing the mated pair has been upgraded. SMS/800 will ignore any SCPs that are in the Area Of Service that have not been upgraded. The end result is that the 888 record would go ACTIVE without being down loaded in all the SCPs.

To Assure that all the 888 records are down loaded to the appropriate SCPs by 3/1/96:

1. 888 Records should be created with an effective date/time of 2/29/96, 11:30p/c.
2. A special batch job will be developed to reschedule the PENDING records over a four day period (2/26/96 - 2/29/96).

Any records created during the four day period with an effective date of "NOW" will be placed in queue and may or may not be down loaded immediately.

3.5 Approval Requests

Those carriers that have stipulated they wish to grant approval on any record that impacts them, must grant approval on any 888 records with an APPROVAL status of AWAIT before 2/26/96. Any pending records with an APPROVAL Status of AWAIT or DENIED **will not** be rescheduled by the special batch job and will go FAILED at the effective date and time.

3.6 MGI UNS-CRA Messages

MGI users that wish to receive the UNS-CRA message on 888 records that are rescheduled by the batch job must have the GAN - GI Activation Notice Control screen for each of their Resp Orgs set to include updates from terminals.

3.7 888 Routing

All calls to 888 numbers (except 888-250) prior to 3/1/96, will receive vacant code announcement even though the record is loaded in the SCP.

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- Y-Factor Replication of 888 numbers
- 888 Timely reservation

This document provides important information on the SNAC proposal for 888 Replication, including key activities, associated requirements and schedules.

The industry 888 replication effort will be implemented pursuant to the FCC's directives in the Memorandum Opinion and Order in CC Docket 95-155, released October 5, 1995.

2. Process, Activities & Schedule Summary

The 888 replicated numbers will be marked as Unavailable under the control of a newly created special Resp Org, BRREP. The disposition of the unavailable 888 numbers will be addressed by the FCC/Industry at a later time.

- 11/15/95 - 11/22/95 - Service Providers create test tape/NDM file/diskette for verification of format.
- 11/16/95 - 12/1/95 - DSMI/Belcore returns a paper confirmation response of test results to each participating Service Provider.
- 12/2/95 - 12/14/95 - Service Providers submit a tape, NDM file, diskette or paper copy of the 888 numbers to be replicated.
- 12/15/95 - DSMI prepares aggregated replication data from the 888 Number Replication Data forms.
- 12/15/95 - 1/5/96 - DSMI/Belcore validates replication data against the 800 data base, marks accepted numbers as Unavailable in the 888 data base, returns confirmation reports to each Service Provider.
- 1/5/96 - 1/12/96 - Service Providers submit the second round of tapes/files/diskettes/paper lists that reflect the Resp Org reconciliation/correction activities.

- 1/12/96 - 1/22/96 - DSMI/Belcore validates the second list of replication data against the 800 data base, marks accepted numbers as Unavailable in the 888 data base, returns confirmation reports to the appropriate Service Providers.

3. 888 Number Replication Process

Questions on the following procedures should be directed to:

888 Y-Factor Coordinator
908-699-8949

3.1 888 Replication Data Input Form

The SMS/800 Functions Tariff - 888 Replication Data Input form (attachment 1) is to be copied or typed on company letterhead. If the information is typed it needs to be in the same format as in attachment 1. A Service Provider must submit an 888 Replication Data Input form on company letterhead for each of the following purposes:

- When a **test** tape/NDM file/diskette is submitted during the testing interval.
- By 12/14/95 when the list of numbers to be replicated is provided. A form should be filed to provide positive reporting on whether or not the Service Provider wish to replicate 888 numbers.
- When corrections are submitted between 1/5/96 and 1/12/96.

NOTE —The 888 Replication Data Input form **can**
not be sent via facsimile.

3.2 Testing File Format

Service Providers wishing to test their diskette format should send an 888 Replication Data Input form on company letterhead along with the test diskettes to:

— 888 Y-Factor Coordinator
Belcore
444 Hoes Lane
RRC 4A-506
Piscataway, NJ 08854-4182

Service Providers wishing to test their tape or NDM file format should send an 888 Replication Data Input form on company letterhead to:

- 888 Y-Factor Coordinator
Bellcore
444 Hoes Lane
RRC 4A-506
Piscataway, NJ 08854-4182

The test tape or NDM file is sent to:

- SMS/800 Kansas City Data Center
Tom Gallagher - Room 462
500 East 8th St.
Kansas City , Mo 64106

NOTE —To use NDM, a company must be a current NDM authorized user with the Kansas City Data Center.

A paper confirmation response (Attachment 2) of the test results will be sent to each participating Service Provider.

3.3 Identification of 888 Numbers to be Replicated

All Service Providers (including those who do not wish to replicate 888 numbers) are requested to provide positive reporting by completing the 888 Replication Data Input form on company letterhead and sending it to:

- 888 Y-Factor Coordinator
Bellcore
444 Hoes Lane
RRC 4A-506
Piscataway, NJ 08854-4182

Service Providers that want 888 numbers replicated, must create a list of numbers to be replicated. The list of numbers can be provided via tape, NDM file, diskettes, or papercopy.

NOTE — Papercopy can only be used if the total quantity of numbers for the Entity is 50 or less.

3.4 Papercopy

A separate page for each Resp Org and its associated numbers that are to be replicated in 888 can be attached to the 888 Replication Data Input form, providing the Entity is submitting 50 or less numbers.

3.5 Diskette Specifications

The 888 numbers that are to be loaded can be put on a diskette and sent along with the 888 Replication Data Input form to:

— 888 Y-Factor Coordinator
Bellcore
444 Hoes Lane
RRC 4A-506
Piscataway, NJ 08854-4182

3.5.1 General Guidelines

- The diskette must be IBM compatible in uncompressed format.
- Each diskette is limited to a single Resp Org, contact name, contact phone# .
- Multiple diskettes can be listed on a single 888 Number Replication Data form.

3.5.2 Diskette Layouts

- Diskette name: **Resp Org.nn (i.e., BRC01.01, BRC01.02)**
 - Data format: **ASCII**
 - Each record is followed by a carriage return & line feed.
 - Each diskette will contain one header record followed by *number data* records.
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3.5.2.1 Header Record

The first record per diskette is a header record and it will contain:

position	description	example	valid value
1-3	Record type	**H	**H
4	blank		
5-9	Resp Org	BRSAC	5 alphanumerics
10	blank		
11-20	NPHONE (contact #)	9086992250 or 6992250	7 to 10 digits (left adjust)
21	blank		
22-51	NCON (contact name)	DSMI	30 characters(left adjust)

NOTE —All entries are required. The Resp Org, NCON & NPHONE will be associated with each 888 number listed on the diskette. There is only one header record per diskette.

3.5.2.2 Number Data Record

The second and all following records will contain:

position	description	example	valid value
1-7	888 number to be marked unavailable	3569377	7 digits

3.6 Input Tape or NDM File Specifications

An Entity with a large volume of numbers to be replicated may wish to create a tape or NDM file. A tape or NDM file may contain multiple Resp Orgs but the Resp Orgs must all belong to the same Entity to be processed correctly.

Any Entity that is submitting their list of numbers via tape or NDM file must also send an 888 Replication Data Input form on company letterhead to:

888 Y-Factor Coordinator
Bellcore
444 Hoes Lane
RRC 4A-506
Piscataway, NJ 08854-4182

NOTE —Tapes or files **will not** be processed if the 888 Y-Factor Coordinator does not have an 888

Replication Data Input form for the corresponding
tape or NDM file name.

An external label must be attached to each tape submitted. Attachment 3 (Y Factor Tape Cover Sheet) is provided for this purpose. Attach a completed label and send the tape(s) to:

— SMS/800n Kansas City Data Center
Tom Gallagher - Room 462
500 East 8th St.
Kansas City , Mo 64106

To send an NDM file, the company must currently be an NDM authorized user with Kansas City Data Center. The NDM file is transmitted directly to the SMS/800 Kansas City Data Center.

3.6.1 Input Record Layouts

The input tape or NDM file will consist of:

- Header Record(s)
- Number Records

All entries are required.

Tape:

Format: EBCDIC (All alpha characters will be in upper case)

Medium: The tapes provided will be 18-track cartridges for IBM Model 3480 drives and compatibles unless otherwise requested, in which case 9-track tape reels for IBM Model 3420 tape drives and compatibles are available (1600 or 6250 bpi).

Tape Label: IBM standard labels

Data Set Name: Per Company standards

Logical Record Length: 50 bytes

Block Size: 32750 bytes

Record Format: Variable Blocked

Record Layouts: as provided in the following sections

NDM:

File Name: "ZM.SMS.NDMxx"

xx = sequential # (example; 01,02, etc.)

3.6.1.1 Header Record Layout

Table 3-1. Header Record

Identifier	Width	Type	Description
1) Record Type	1	A	"H"
2) Resp Org	5	A/N	5 alphanumeric characters. Will be entered in the Notes field of the marked 888 number.
3) NPHONE	10	N	The contact phone. Can be 10 or 7 digits (NPANXXXXXX) (NXXXXXX)
4) NCON	30	A	Contact name. Maximum of 30 characters.

NOTE — There can be multiple header records, but each one must be followed by one or more number records. The information in the Header Record will be associated with each of the number records that follow and used for validation & marking the 888 numbers. To change Resp Org, NPHONE, or NCON requires another header record followed by the numbers that are associated with the new information.

3.6.1.2 Number Record Layout

Table 3-2. Number Data Record

Identifier	Width	Type	Description
1) Number	7	N	7 digits NXXXXXX

3.7 Response Report

A positive response report will be provided for each Entity which will include all the numbers for all the Resp Orgs specified in the original request from the Entity. Due to the potential volume of a paper report, the information will also be available in tape or NDM file format. Each Service Provider needs

to specify on the 888 Number Replication Data form what media should be used to produce the report for their Entity.

3.7.1 Response Tape or NDM File Record Layouts

The response tape or NDM file will consist of:

- Header Record
- Data Records
- Trailer Record.

Tape Format: EBDCIC (All alpha characters will be in upper case)

Medium: The tapes provided will be 18-track cartridges for IBM Model 3480 drives and compatibles unless otherwise requested, in which case 9-track tape reels for IBM Model 3420 tape drives and compatibles are available (1600 or 6250 bpi).

Tape Label: IBM standard labels

Data Set Name: Kansas City standards.

Logical Record Length: 26 bytes

Block Size: 32760 bytes

Record Format: Fixed Blocked

Record Layouts: as provided in the following sections

3.7.1.1 Header Record Layout

Table 3-3. Header Record

Identifier	Width	Type	Description
1) Record Type	1	A	Header Record identifier - "H"
2) Label Field	7	A	Per Kansas City Standards
3) ENTITY	2	A	SMS/800 Entity code
4) Process Date	6	N	Date the numbers were marked or rejected
6) Filler	10	A	Blanks

3.7.1.2 Data Record Layout

Table 3-4. Data Record

Identifier	Width	Type	Description
1) Record Type	1	A	Number data record - "D"
2) Resp Org	5	A/N	Resp Org from input file
3) Number	7	N	888 number (NXXXXXX)
4) Disposition of #	1	A	"A" - Accepted "R" - Rejected
5) Reason for Rejection	1	N	"1" - 800# spare "2" - 800# disc or trans "3" - 800# duplicate "4" - Invalid Resp Org "5" - Resp Org mis match "6" - Invalid number format "7" - 888# not spare
7) Additional data for reject code "7"	5	A/N	Resp Org that requested 888# prior to this request.

3.7.1.3 Trailer Record Layout

Table 3-5. Trailer Record

Identifier	Width	Type	Description
1) Record Type	1	A	Trailer record indicator - "T"
2) Rejected Records	7	N	Count of rejected records per Entity
3) Accepted Records	7	N	Count of accepted records per Entity
4) filler	11	A	Blank Fill

3.7.2 Paper Report

A hardcopy or paper version of the response report is also available upon request.

- There will be one report per Entity.
- Data will be grouped by Resp Org and total count of rejected & accepted numbers will be per Resp Org.
- Rejected numbers with reason for rejection will be listed first, followed by the accepted numbers. (Numbers will be listed in ascending order)
- The report will page break between Resp Orgs to allow for easy separation and distribution.

Exhibit 3-1. Sample Report for Entity 'BR'.

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                        888 REPLICATION RESPONSE REPORT
ENTITY: BR                                PROCESS DATE: 01/02/96

RESP ORG: BRC01    REJECTED NUMBERS:    7
                   ACCEPTED NUMBERS:    10

      888#   STATUS   REASON REJECTED      888#   STATUS   REASON REJECTED
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234-1187    R        800# SPARE              333-3333    R        888# MARKED FOR XYZ01
345-5555    R        800# DISC OR TRANS      444-4444    R        RESP ORG MIS MATCH
454-2582    R        800# DUPLICATE           555-1212    R        INVALID RESP ORG
THE-DOME    R        INVALID NUMBER FORMAT  221-6000    A
233-6666    A
345-5000    A
800-8000    A
999-9000    A
999-9999    A
244-4444    A
444-4000    A
888-0888    A
999-9100    A

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Table 3-6. Report Items: 888 Replication Response Report

ITEM	DESCRIPTION
PROCESS DATE	The date the numbers were accepted or rejected.
STATUS	R = Rejected and A = Accepted
REASON REJECTED	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 800# Spare - matching 800 number status = spare 2. 800# Disc or Trans - matching 800 number status = disconnect or transitional 3. 800# Duplicate - matching 800 number is a duplicate 4. Invalid Resp Org - Resp Org from the input data was not known to SMS/800 5. Resp Org Mis Match - the first 2 characters of the Resp Org from the input data did not match the first 2 characters of the Resp Org associated with the matching 800#. 6. Invalid Number Format - something other than digits were entered in the input data. 7. 888# Marked for <xxxxx> - when the process attempted to mark the 888# unavailable, the 888# status was not spare. The <xxxxx> is replaced with the Resp Org that the 888# was marked for previously. It is possible that in the first go around the number was on Resp Org AZZ01's list and the matching 800# belonged to Entity AZ so the 888# was marked unavailable for Resp Org AZZ01. In the second go around Resp Org BXX01 had the same number on their list and due to a Resp Org change on the matching 800# to Resp Org BXX01 the validation against the 800 data base passed. When the process attempted to mark the 888# unavailable it could not because the number was not spare. The reject message would equal 888# <i>MARKED FOR AZZ01</i>.

4. Summary of Attachments

- Attachment 1 - *888 Replication Data Input* form. This form is to be copied or typed on company letterhead by the Service Provider or Entity and sent to 888 Y-Factor Coordinator. It is used to track 888 replication activity. Instructions for completing this form are located on the back side of the form.
- Attachment 2 - *Test File Confirmation* form. This form is completed by DSMI/Bellcore and sent back to each Service Provider that sends in a test tape/NDM file/diskette.
- Attachment 3 - *Y Factor Tape Cover Sheet*. This form is completed by the Service Provider or Entity that is sending in a tape for processing and must be attached to the tape itself.

SMS/800 Functions Tariff - 888 Replication Data Input

(Please copy or type this form on your company letterhead & send to:)

888 Y-Factor Coordinator

Bellcore

444 hoes Lane RRC 4A-506

Piscataway, NJ 08854-4182

NO FACSIMILES OR PHOTOCOPIES WILL BE ACCEPTED

1) Service Provider _____

2) Entity _____

3) Address _____

4a) Contact Name _____

4b) Phone # _____ 4c) Fax # _____

5) Input Medium (Diskette, Tape, Papercopy, NDM) _____

(If input medium is Papercopy, please type your replication numbers and Resp Org on a separate page and attach to this form)

6) Total # of Diskettes/Tapes _____

7) Filename(s) of Diskette(s)/Tapes/NDM File _____

8) Total Quantity of Numbers per Entity Submitted for Replication _____

9) Report Output Medium (Tape, Paper, NDM) _____

10) Date Form Submitted ____ / ____ / ____

11) Date Form Received ____ / ____ / ____

Service Provider agrees that, consistent with Section 2.1.3 of the SMS/800 tariff, Regional Bell Operating Companies (SMS/800 tariffing companies), Bellcore, DSMI, SWBT and Lockheed Martin IMS (NASC) shall be indemnified, defended and held harmless by the Resp Org, Service Provider and 800 Subscriber against any claim, loss or damage arising from tariffed activities including the receipt and processing of the data to implement the 888 replication effort. We recognize that the industry 888 replication effort will be implemented pursuant to the FCC's directives in the Memorandum Opinion and Order in CC Docket 95-155, released October 5, 1995.

Contact Signature

Attachment 1

Guidelines for completing the SMS/800 Functions Tariff - 888 Replication Data Input form

1) Service Provider:	Enter the complete company name for the SMS/800 Resp Org.
2) Entity:	Enter the 2-digit SMS/800 Entity Code (equal to the 1st 2 characters of Resp Org ID).
3) Address:	Enter the complete mailing address for the Service Provider where the Replication Report/tape is to be sent.
4a) Contact Name:	Name of the person responsible for Number Replication Coordination.
4b) Phone #:	Enter the 10 digit phone number for the contact name entered in 4a.
4c) Fax #:	Enter the fax number for the contact name entered in 4a.
5) Input Medium:	Specify which medium will be used to submit the numbers for replication. Enter 3.5" Diskette, Tape, Papercopy (50 numbers or less per Entity), or Network Data Mover (NDM) file. If Papercopy is to be used, please type your Resp Org and associated numbers on a separate page and attach to the 888 Replication Data Input form.
6) Total No. of Diskettes/Tapes:	Specify the total number of 3.5" Diskettes or tapes for the entire Entity, otherwise leave blank.
7) Filename(s) of Diskette(s)/Tapes/NDM File:	If a 3.5" Diskette is being submitted, each Diskette name must include the 5 character Resp Org ID and a number (i.e. BRSAC.01). If a tape or NDM file is being submitted, enter data set name(s) that will be included on the input medium. If no numbers are being replicated or a hardcopy is being submitted leave blank.
8) Total Quantity of Numbers per Entity Submitted for Replication:	Enter the total quantity of numbers for your Entity being submitted for replication regardless of the medium.
9) Report Output Medium:	Indicate the medium to be used for the Number Replication Response Report. Specify Tape, Paper, or NDM.
10) Date Form Submitted:	Enter the date this form is sent to the 888 Y-Factor Coordinator.
11) Date Form Received:	Leave this field blank will be completed by the Y-Factor Coordinator.
12) Contact Signature:	Signature of individual entered in contact name 4a authorizing Number Replication.

NOTES:

- Service Providers who are not replicating any numbers still need to submit a signed 888 Replication Data Input form with items 1 through 4c and 10 completed.
- Service Providers that are submitting a papercopy of 50 numbers or less for 888 replication need to submit a signed 888 Replication Data Input form with items 1 through 5 and 8 through 10 completed, along with a separate page listing the Resp Org(s) and associated numbers. Papercopy can only be submitted if there is a total of 50 numbers or less for the Entity.
- Service Providers that are submitting diskettes, tape or an NDM file need to submit a signed 888 Replication Data Input form with items 1 through 10 completed. Multiple Resp Orgs can be entered on the same tape or NDM file. Only 1 Resp Org can be entered on a diskette. If an Entity that is using diskettes is using multiple Resp Orgs, a diskette per Resp Org must be sent.
- Tapes, diskettes, papercopies, or NDM files will not be processed unless an original completed 888 Replication Data Input form on company letterhead has been received by the 888 Y-Factor Coordinator.